

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated March 30, 2009, in which the Examiner rejected claims 6-7 and 34-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and stated that claims 1, 8-14, 16-17, 19, 21-33 and 50 are allowed.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview on May 27, 2009, to discuss changes to claims 6-7 and 34-35 to place the application in condition for allowance.

As indicated above, claim 6 has been amended to claim a computer-readable storage. A similar amendment has been made to claim 34. Claims 7 and 35 have been amended to claim a method for a picture program production assistance system (See claim 1). Support for the claims can be found in FIGS. 7, 10 and 11, as well as in the Specification on page 55, line 25-page 56, line 3; page 60, lines 22-23; page 74, lines 21-23; page 84, lines 22-25; page 86, line 17-19; and page 101, line 20-page 102, line 3. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection to the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 no longer applies. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 6-7 and 34-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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